

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 443

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to commend Whitney Regina Johnson for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Regina Johnson is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senate Democratic Leader, Senator Jim Kyle; Whitney Johnson's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the senators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Johnson has achieved academic success while majoring in Communication Studies with an English minor and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including membership in ADPi Sorority, which she serves as Recruitment Corresponding Secretary, the Communication Studies Club, and College Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Johnson has lent her time and valuable talents to her community as an active member of St. Marks United Methodist Youth Group and a 2004 Junior League Debutante; she has volunteered in service of the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure, the Ronald McDonald House, and Canned Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, in her limited spare time, Ms. Johnson works as a lifeguard and is an avid fan of the music of Marty Robbins, one of the most popular and successful American country and western singers of his era; and

WHEREAS, Whitney's keen engineering skills enabled her to achieve a task no one else had yet accomplished—fixing and lighting the world; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Johnson, who graduated with honors from Siegel High School, received a listing in the *Who's Who Among American High School*

Students, wrote the lead poem in *Celebrations of the Heart* publication for Rutherford County, and was first place Field Commander in the Vanderbilt Marching Invitational in 2004; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Whitney Johnson brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, she has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; Whitney's extensive research was invaluable to Senator Kyle's power point presentation to the Senate Commerce Committee on Senate Bill 1038, regarding the theft of copper; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Johnson's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Nat and Jane Johnson; her father is a long time state employee who worked for the Department of Personnel for twenty-nine years and is now at TWRA; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Johnson has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Whitney Regina Johnson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senate Democratic Leader Senator Jim Kyle and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.